



HOFFMAN TO RUN

Republicans Will Name Popular Coroner for County Clerk Next Fall to Strengthen Their Ticket.

Gibbons for County Treasurer and Stuckart for Sheriff Look Like Leaders of the Democratic Ticket.

Coroner Peter M. Hoffman, the strongest vote getter in the Republican party, will be nominated for County Clerk this year against Robert M. Sweltzer.

The Republicans have determined to lend all their energies to carrying the county this fall in order that they may be in good position to carry the city for mayor in the Spring.

For that reason the leaders of every faction have agreed to put their very strongest men to the front for every place to be filled.

Hoffman is certainly a phenomenal performer at the polls judging from the official record.

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AFTER FOOD GRAFTERS

Much information has come to the office of the Illinois food administrator to the effect that retail dealers are selling foods at higher prices than the government has authorized and that wholesalers, in some cases, completely ignore the wishes of the food administration in the matter of prices. One report told of a retailer who was

selling eggs at 55 cents and told a customer that if he asked his wholesaler for foodstuffs at government prices they would laugh in his face.

Mr. Wheeler said:

"We have been lenient with these people so far because we wanted them to get acquainted with the situation and the wishes of the government that they may co-operate with us and observe the spirit of our regulations. No drastic measures have been taken, but we are now going to get a definite knowledge of the retailers who sell foodstuffs above the government prices."

"Four inspectors from this office will begin work as soon as we can get them started. They will not follow up complaints, but will do original investigation and make daily reports of all cases where retailers are selling higher than allowed. We will take proper action as soon as the facts are before us."

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WILL SMART ALECKS HARASS THE POOR?

Householders' coal orders are being "censored," and by women. Every appeal from a householder to the state fuel administration goes throughout this censorship. Here is how it works:

You call up and say you are in distress. The appeal goes at once to the emergency fuel women appointees now thoroughly organized in every ward. A woman investigator goes to your house and looks in the coal bin.

If there is dire distress, there is coal there in a few minutes. If you have a little, provision is made for additional supplies. If you are a "cheater" or a "hoarder" you get a "burning up"—verbally and are reported to the fuel administration.

The Chicago Coal Merchants' Association has sent out orders to all retail dealer members to co-operate to the fullest with the women to relieve distress. Committees of coal men have been appointed in all wards to work closely with the organization

Before considering the resolutions the subcommittee questioned James W. Breen, an assistant corporation counsel, regarding suggested changes in the laws and ordinances.

"If the judges would sentence vagrants to the bridewell instead of fining them," said Mr. Breen, "I believe it would have a good effect."

Municipal Judge John R. Newcomer sent word to the subcommittee that he would be pleased to have it sit with him at the South Clark street court. The aldermen accepted the invitation, and will be present at the court this morning.

"A close study of the crime situation," said the judge, "might assist in stimulating some constructive reforms. I believe that responsibility for much of the crime in Chicago belongs jointly to the police, the prosecuting attorney's office, the judges, and the city council. I am willing to work with you in any way which leads to constructive reform."

Michael O'Connor, president of the Chicago Patrolmen's Social, Athletic, and Efficiency club, said that he hoped the council would take into account the salaries of policemen in dealing with the crime situation. He said the patrolmen were seeking an increase to \$1,518 a year, instead of the \$1,320 for first class patrolmen now.

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POLICE STATIONS ARE CLOSED

In what is the most sweeping order ever issued to the Chicago police department, Chief Schuetzler announced to the force he would shift 1,200 members of the department and abolish twelve police stations.

Patrolmen, telephone operators, sergeants and commanding officers were affected.

The stations that have been closed and the commanding officers who were shifted through their closing are:

Twenty-second Street—Capt. Matthew Zimmer; Lieutenant Ben Burns and Michael Clohesy.

Fifth Precinct, Stanton Avenue—Capt. James Allman; Lieutenants John B. Enright and Dennis Malloy.

Deering—Lieut. Bertrand Cleghorn. Woodlawn—Capt. John J. Ryan; Lieuts. John L. Hogan and Michael Crotty.

Thirtieth Precinct (old Forty-third and Lake)—Lieut. Luke P. Garrick. West Thirtieth Street—Lieut. Edward Grady.

Rawson Street—Lieut. John D. Hartford.

West North Avenue—Lieut. Joseph Polczynski.

Hudson Avenue—Lieut. Ernest Mueller.

North Halsted Street—Lieut. James Walsh.

North Robey Street—Lieut. John Dammann.

Morgan Park—Lieut. Charles Burns.

OLD TIME PRINTERS

Patriotic speech and song marked the thirty-third annual banquet of the Old-Time Printers' Association in the Hotel La Salle in honor of the two hundred and twelfth anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin.

Flags draped the walls behind the speakers' table and "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and "The Star-Spangled Banner" were sung by the diners.

The memory of Franklin, the philosopher, the patriot, and the printer

FIRST MOTOR EXPRESS LINE

The first application for the right to operate a motor express line in Illinois was filed by the Chicago, Waukegan & Hammond Transportation company.

The company proposes to carry freight and express between Waukegan, Chicago and Hammond with the

which represents the fuel administration.

The fuel administration has been bombarded with calls from persons in distress, asking for immediate delivery of coal, in most cases stating that there are small children in the family, sickness and other such serious reasons for preference.



GEORGE M. REYNOLDS,
President of the Continental and Commercial National Bank.

use of kerosene driven motors. The petition states that the object of the company is to aid in the coal conservation movement and proposes to establish stations along its right of way.

William L. O'Connell of Chicago, former chairman of the state utilities commission, is president of the company.

GRAHAM PREDICTS \$700,000 CUT

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was honored in every speech that was made. Attorney General E. J. Brundage was the principal speaker of the evening and talked of "Franklin, the Composite American." He spoke of Franklin's achievements as statesman, scientist and printer, and declared them the proof of his wisdom.

"The fight that was made in the days of Franklin was for the same things that the present war is being waged—God and Liberty," said the attorney general.

Peter M. Balken, president of the association, who was doorkeeper at the convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency, gave the address of welcome. John W. Hastie was toastmaster. The Rev. Father Dankowski gave the invocation.

The musical program, participated in by Mrs. Anthony E. Seyl, soloist; John J. Wynne and an orchestra, concluded with the singing of the national anthem.

MAYOR & SENATE

Republicans and Democrats Are Both Busily Engaged in Figuring Upon Men to Name as Candidates.

Thompson Formally Announces His Candidacy for United States Senator in Letter Addressed to Medill McCormick.

Republicans and Democrats are much taken up now days with the question as to who will succeed J. Ham Lewis as United States Senator next Fall and as to who will succeed William Hale Thompson as Mayor a year from this Spring.

The Senatorial battle on the Republican side is between William Hale Thompson and Charles S. Deneen.

Mr. Medill McCormick, now a Congressman at Large, is a candidate, but he has no organization and no backing at this time at all comparable with that behind either Thompson or Deneen.

Mr. McCormick is a strong newspaper candidate. Whether he will develop any other strength remains to be seen.

On the Democratic side Mr. Lewis is not a candidate and Roger C. Sullivan

primary election to be held Sept. 11, 1918.

"Read in the light of recent political history, your statement that you are seeking further favors from the Republicans of Illinois is more interesting in what it omits than in what it contains."

"The Republicans of this state remember that you sought from them in 1916 the important position you now hold, and that, in the same primary in which they gratified your ambition they indicated their choice of candidates for other offices more important than that which you sought, including the great office of governor of this great state."

"The Republicans of this state remember that in the elections in November following the September primary, notwithstanding the fact that you received for yourself what you had so earnestly sought from the party, your family's newspaper, the Chicago Tribune, endeavored to defeat your Republican associates on the same ticket on which you had sought and secured a place."

"Waiting until only a day or two before election, so that the injury could not be repaired which was caused by that ungrateful treachery, your family's newspaper refused to recommend the election of Frank O. Lowden to the office of governor; it openly advocated the defeat of Len Small for state treasurer; and it openly advocated the defeat of Louis L. Emmerson for secretary of state; all lifelong Republicans."

"And it did these things in spite of the fact that the same voters who gratified your personal ambition for public office had by substantial and prepondering pluralities chosen the other nominees which your family's newspaper saw fit to oppose and attempt to defeat."

"In view of this record I desire to ask you if you are prepared now to state that you and your family's newspaper in the election next November will support, openly and honestly, the candidates for office nominated by the Republicans in their primary, Sept. 11, 1918, in which you are a candidate for the Republican party nomination for United States Senator?"

"Tell the people frankly whether you have become a convert to Republicanism as a matter of principle or because you want an office for yourself through which you may bring greater power to your family's newspaper and are willing to use the Republican party at this time because you believe it to be the dominant party in Illinois."

"I feel justified in discussing this very important question thus frankly with you because in 1912 you did all in your power to wreck the Republican party, and that in that campaign you led in the movement which resulted in the election of Woodrow Wilson, the Democratic candidate for President of the United States and in the defeat of Charles S. Deneen, the Republican candidate for governor of Illinois; because in 1913 you contributed to the defeat of Leslie D. Puterbaugh, the nominee of the Republican party for justice of the Supreme Court in the Peoria district that year; because in 1914 you opposed the election of Lawrence Y. Sherman, the nominee of the Republican party for United States senator, and because generally that, notwithstanding the fact that you have sought and secured from the Republican party great political honors for yourself, including delegate to the Republican national convention, member of the Republican state central committee, temporary chairman of the Republican state convention of Peoria and congressman at large from Illinois, yet, in spite of the honors heaped upon you, you and your family's newspaper have frequently opposed and attempted to defeat loyal Republicans, nominated in accordance with the direct primary law, the passage of which you and your family's newspaper so strongly demanded."

"There is something more involved

in the selection of a candidate for United States senator than the question of whether Medill McCormick, William Hale Thompson or others shall have public office. The question of most vital importance to the people of the United States is the perpetuation of the principles of the Republican party, which has always advocated the basic and fundamental principle that our first duty is to our own country and our own people."

"I am a Republican because I believe in the principles of the Republican party, and I believe that party government and party responsibility are absolutely essential to the life of the nation."

"I will accept and will loyally uphold the decision of the voters of the Republican party rendered in the primary on Sept. 11, 1918, in which I shall be a candidate for my party's nomination for United States senator, and I invite you to state now, frankly and without equivocation, whether you and your family's newspaper, the Chicago Tribune, also will accept the decision of the Republican voters and will support, openly and honestly, the Republican nominee, including the nominee for United States senator. Yours very truly,"

"WILLIAM HALE THOMPSON."

25TH WARD HELPS BOYS AT THE FRONT

A county fair was held Tuesday and Wednesday at Arcadia hall, Broadway and Wilson avenue, under the auspices of the 25th ward council of defense. The object was to give assurance to "our boys at the front" that the "home folks" are solidly behind them.

The 25th ward council of defense is composed of exemption districts Nos. 54, 55, 56 and 57, and was authorized by the state council of defense. Officers are Judge Joseph H. Fitch, president; Clyde I. Backus, secretary, and Nelson N. Lampert, treasurer. The executive committee is composed of Harry R. Gibbons, John S. Hummer, Mrs. George V. McIntyre, Mrs. DeWitt J. Garrison, Mrs. Margaret E. Mivelaz, Mrs. William Serevin, Edward S. Day and George K. Schmidt.

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POLICE COLLECTING HOTEL BILLS?

Two cabaret singers were in the South Park station as the result of what they call "a terrible mistake."

The two girls lived in the Morrison Hotel from Jan. 7 to Jan. 17, when they disappeared, leaving an empty trunk and a bill of \$75 unpaid. The women telephoned Frank Ellsworth, superintendent of the Morrison to send the bill to them at Kokomo, Ind., and to take charge of their trunk. He sent Detective Sergeant Patrick Loftus to Kokomo.

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DON'T OVER-LOOK ANY BETS

Dr. Wilbur Post of the Red Cross spoke at the Edgewater Beach hotel Tuesday night on opportunities presented by the war.

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